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## **DCR Renames Quabbin Fishing Area #3 As Stephen M. Brewer Fishing Area**

*Dedication Honors State Senator's Commitment to Watershed & Open Space Protection*

HARDWICK —Wednesday, October 15, 2014— Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Undersecretary for Environment Martin Suuberg today joined Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner (DCR) Jack Murray, state and local legislators and members of the Brewer Family to dedicate Quabbin Fishing Area #3 in Hardwick as the “Stephen M. Brewer Fishing Area.”

“Senator Brewer has helped protect our water supply in Massachusetts, ensuring that more than 2.5 million residents get clean drinking water every day,” said Undersecretary Suuberg. “Senator Brewer is a testament to the idea that one person can truly make a long lasting difference in people’s daily lives.”

“For over a quarter of a century, Senator Brewer has been committed to making our open spaces and watershed the best in the country,” said Commissioner Murray. “Today, we honor that commitment and thank him for the hard work and support.”

In April of 2014, Representative Ann Gobi of Spencer introduced H.4032, which authorized that “the boat launch area 3, located at Gate 43 in the town of Hardwick shall be designated and known as the Stephen M. Brewer Fishing Area.” The bill also directed DCR to erect and maintain a marker honoring Senator Brewer’s legacy. The bill was signed by Governor Patrick on September 22, 2014.

“I am deeply honored to have this lasting legacy of my name on this precious resource,” said Senator Brewer. “It is especially poignant that this ramp is only 1 mile away from where my great-great-grandfather settled on his first farm when he emigrated from Cork, Ireland during the Great Famine in 1848. William J. Daunt came to this area with only the clothes on his back and built a legacy that I have been blessed beyond comprehension to have carried on. I thank Chairwoman Anne Gobi for sponsoring this legislation and am grateful to Governor Patrick for signing it into law. We should always remember the fine people of the Swift River Valley who sacrificed so much to create this great ‘accidental wilderness’ known as the Quabbin Reservoir.”

Senator Brewer has served in the Massachusetts State Legislature since 1988, representing the second largest Senate district in the Commonwealth. His district includes parts of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex County. He currently

serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means. A long time advocate for parks and open space issues throughout the state, Senator Brewer led the creation of the Water Supply Protection Trust in 2004, which provides effective oversight, support and consistent funding from Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) to DCR's Division of Water Supply Protection for watershed protection.

The Stephen M. Brewer Fishing Area is located on the Eastern Side of Quabbin Reservoir in the Towns of Petersham and Hardwick. It is the most popular of Quabbin's three fishing areas and allows access to thousands of acres of great fishing and scenery of the Quabbin Reservoir and Pottapaug Pond. There are launching facilities for private boats, as well as small outboard motor boats, kayaks and canoes for rent. Over 30,000 people a year visit the Quabbin Fishing Areas.

"No one has been a more zealous advocate and protector of the Quabbin Reservoir and the Swift River towns of Dana, Prescott, Enfield and Greenwich than Senator Brewer," said Representative Anne Gobi. "This is a deserving honor."

"Senator Brewer has been great advocate of the region's water system," said Fred Laskey, MWRA's executive director. "The creation of the Water Supply Protection Trust will be a long-lasting legacy for the 2.3 million people in eastern Massachusetts served by our reservoirs – now and for generations to come."

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner Jack Murray, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr). Contact us at [mass.parks@state.ma.us](mailto:mass.parks@state.ma.us).

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